Agro and rural industries in Andhra Pradesh

720. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of agro and rural industries existing in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the industries which were in profit during the last five years;

(c) the details thereof;

(d) the industries which were in loss during last five years;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) 16,295 Village Industry (VI) units have been established in Andhra Pradesh under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) upto January, 2006 since its inception in April, 1995. The year-wise details are given below:

Year	Number of units
Upto Tenth Plan	9,945
2002-03	1,818
2003-04	1,097
2004-05	1,988
2005-06 (Upto January, 2006)	1,447
TOTAL:	16,295

An evaluation study, conducted on sample basis, shows that 99.33 per cent of the REGP units established in the State of Andhra Pradesh exist.

(b) and (c) Under the REGP, projects for setting up VI units are appraised by the Banks and credit decisions are taken on the basis of viability of the project. Accordingly, the banks watch the recovery of loans and performance of the units. While the profit and loss position of these units is not directly evaluated by the Khadi and Village Industries

Commission (KVIC) which coordinates the implementation of the REGP, an all-India sample survey of the profitability of REGP units set up from 1 April, 1995 to 31 March, 2001 revealed that about 71 per cent of the units in Andhra Pradesh were making profit.

(d) and (e) The above-mentioned sample study has revealed that about 29 per cent of units in Andhra Pradesh were in loss.

(f) The reasons for losses include lack of working capital, insufficient term loan, delay on the part of banks in releasing loan instalments, scarcity of raw materials, use of obsolete technology, problems in market access, lack of competitive edge, etc.

Information systems audit to prevent cyber crimes

721. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether information systems audit is absent in Government organisations which is necessary to prevent cyber crimes;

(b) whether it is proposed to introduce compulsory information systems audit in all Government organisations in order to prevent cyber crimes;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Comptroller and Auditor General of India conducts Information Systems Audit of Government organizations, Departments, Public Sector Undertakings, Autonomous Bodies and authorities for evaluation of:

(i) acquisition and installation of the computer and computer systems,

(ii) systems effectiveness,

(iii) system economy and efficiency and data integrity,

(iv) system security, and